

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 317

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A RESOLUTION to honor country music star Kane Brown.

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to recognize those talented Tennesseans who enrich the lives of their fellow citizens through their art; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Kane Brown, a multiracial singer and songwriter with a genre-bending approach who has only begun to leave his mark on country music; and

WHEREAS, born in Chattanooga in 1993, Kane Allen Brown spent much of his youth living with his mother in Red Bank, where he first became interested in music during high school; initially attracted to R&B, he was inspired to focus on country after winning an eleventh-grade talent contest with his rendition of Chris Young's "Gettin' You Home (The Black Dress Song)"; and

WHEREAS, buoyed by that win, Mr. Brown began posting videos online of his covers of songs by the likes of Brantley Gilbert and Alan Jackson; he quickly developed a loyal following, and that fanbase helped his own single, "Don't Go City on Me," go viral upon its release in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Kane Brown released his debut EP, *Closer*, which landed in the top ten of the *Billboard* Country Albums chart; his follow-up single, "Used to Love You Sober," was his last release before signing a record deal with RCA/Sony Music Nashville in early 2016; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, he released his eponymous full-length debut, featuring the singles "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" and "Thunder in the Rain"; the album debuted at No. 1 on the country charts and peaked at No. 10 on the *Billboard* 200; two more singles, "What Ifs," featuring Lauren Alaina, and "Heaven" crossed over onto the pop charts and landed in the top forty; and

WHEREAS, Kane Brown's first No. 1 single came in June 2018 with "Lose It," the first single off his sophomore album, which took the top spot on *Billboard's* Country Airplay chart prior to the release of *Experiment*, which debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Top 200 and spawned two more No. 1 Country Airplay singles, "Good as You" and "Homesick"; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Mr. Brown joined DJ Marshmello for the single "One Thing Right" and cracked the top twenty of the *Billboard* Country chart with his song "For My Daughter"; in August 2020, he released *Mixtape, Vol. 1*, an EP that was highlighted by the hit single "Cool Again"; subsequent singles included the Chris Young collaboration "Famous Friends," the team effort with Blackbear titled "Memory," and the solo single "One Mississippi," followed by "Whiskey Sour" in January 2022; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Kane Brown has garnered a host of nominations from music industry pillars, ultimately winning Collaborative Video of the Year for "What Ifs" at the 2018 CMT Music Awards; Favorite Country Male Artist, Favorite Country Album (*Kane Brown*), and Favorite Country Song ("Heaven") at the 2018 American Music Awards; Favorite Country Male Artist at the 2019 American Music Awards; Male Video of the Year ("Lose It") at the 2019 CMT Music Awards; and Video of the Year ("Worldwide Beautiful") at the 2021 ACM Awards; and

WHEREAS, not only has Kane Brown given to others through his music, his generous spirit has led him to embark on various philanthropic endeavors; his song "Worldwide Beautiful" was released in 2020, with proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to advocate for justice and equality for America's youth; the song reached the top thirty of *Billboard's* Country Airplay chart and crossed over onto the Hot 100 chart, thus raising \$100,000 for the organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Mr. Brown gave back to his hometown of Chattanooga through his partnership with Lowe's 100 Hometowns project; he helped complete various renovations to the

East Lake Boys & Girls Club, including the building of a new library and computer lab and updates to the existing art room and teen lounge; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor Chattanooga's own Kane Brown, a songwriter and musician who has brought much pride to his hometown and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Kane Brown for his many contributions to country music, Chattanooga, and this State, extending our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.